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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/578,066	Applicant(s) LE PARC ET AL.	
	Examiner Joseph L. Williams	Art Unit 2889	

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 August 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☒ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Oath/Declaration

1. The oath or declaration is defective. A new oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a) identifying this application by application number and filing date is required. See MPEP §§ 602.01 and 602.02.

The oath or declaration is defective because: The Application number and the date of filing are incorrect. It appears that the application number has been inserted under the date of filing and the date of filing has been inserted under the application number.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shaw (US 5,798,608) in view of Bohmer et al. (US 6,819,049).

Regarding claim 1, Shaw ('608) teaches in figure 7 and the corresponding text, a tubular lamp (700) comprising a lamp vessel (310) which accommodates a light source (see filaments (630) in figure 6), wherein a first part of the lamp vessel is provided with a coating (730) reflective of radiation emitted by said light source, a second part of the lamp vessel being further provided with a light-absorbing coating (read phosphor, 320).

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Shaw ('608) does not disclose the light absorbing coating comprising pigments incorporated in a sol gel matrix.

Further regarding claim 1, Bohmer ('049) teaches in the abstract a lamp comprised of, in part, light absorbing coating comprising pigments incorporated in a sol gel matrix (3) for the purpose of providing a lamp which is substantially free of scattering and stable at temperatures up to 350 degrees Celsius.

Hence, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the sol gel matrix of Bohmer on the lamp of Shaw for the purpose of providing a lamp which is substantially free of scattering and stable at temperatures up to 350 degrees Celsius.

Regarding claim 2, Shaw ('608) teaches the first part is distinct from the second part.

Regarding claim 3, Shaw ('608) teaches the first part represents substantially half of the lamp vessel and the second part represents substantially-half of the lamp vessel.

Regarding claim 4, Shaw ('608) teaches in figure 6 at least one end cap (620), said end cap comprising orientation means for cooperating with a lamp housing intended to receive said lamp.

Regarding claim 5, Shaw ('608) teaches a orientation means comprise at least one orientation pin (part of filament).

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Regarding claim 6, Shaw ('608) teaches, similar to claim 1 above, a tubular lamp vessel having a first part provided with a reflective coating and a second part provided with a light-absorbing coating.

Shaw ('608) does not disclose the light absorbing coating comprising pigments incorporated in a sol gel matrix.

Further regarding claim 6, Bohmer ('049) teaches in the abstract a lamp comprised of, in part, light absorbing coating comprising pigments incorporated in a sol gel matrix (3) for the purpose of providing a lamp which is substantially free of scattering and stable at temperatures up to 350 degrees Celsius.

Hence, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the sol gel matrix of Bohmer on the lamp of Shaw for the purpose of providing a lamp which is substantially free of scattering and stable at temperatures up to 350 degrees Celsius.

Regarding claim 7, Shaw ('608) teaches luminaire comprising a tubular lamp as claimed in claim 1.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US 6,342,762 and US 2006/0091811 disclose the state of the art for lamps with a sol gel matrix.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph L. Williams whose telephone number is (571) 272-2465. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30 AM-3:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Minh-Toan Ton can be reached on (571) 272-2303. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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